

I wrote you sometime since that Loomisses deed would not be wanting,
and least that letter may have miscarried I mention it again

your Obd^t
JG Blount

[In John Gray Blount's hand]
write John not to settle & examine if Weakly for himself or some other
Person has [illegible] for us And to tender Him the 160 Acres out of the
Godfrey Land

Addressed: John Gray Blount Esq^r
Washington
N^o Carolina

Mail

John Gray Blount, Jr., to John Gray Blount

NASHVILLE Sept^r 12th 1810

D^r Papa

I am requested by M^r Rob^t Prince⁴¹ to request you to obtain for him
or rather for Uncle Willie M^{rs} Oliver Smiths certificate that she does not
know where the following discribed tracts of land lie The warrants when
obtained Uncle Willie has sold to Prince and that cannot be done untill
her certificate is had—They are lands purchased by W.B of O. Smith
when he was last in this country—You know the form of the certificate
required as you once sent me one which answered the purpose in a similar
case—

640 acres acres Granted to Nancy Shepherd⁴² N^o 2063 dated 20th May
1793 N^o W^t 1504—

640 acres Granted to Nancy Shepherd by Grant N^o 2065 dated 20th
May 1793 N^o W^t 1494—

⁴¹Robert Prince procured land warrant number 1239, consisting of 274 acres, from Private John Pond. Land Warrant 1239, Tennessee State Archives.

⁴²Nancy Shepherd procured a large number of land warrants in Tennessee—numbers 1476, 1500, 1754, 1765, 1766, 2073, 2086, 2088, 2091, 2093, and 2097, to list a few. The unusual aspect about this name is its feminine connotation, as few women were involved in extensive land speculation. It is possible that this name was a pseudonym for a speculator interested in shielding his true identity. An attempt was made to discover the subsequent disposition of this land, but nothing was found. Land Warrants 1476, 1500, 1754, 1765, 1766, 2073, 2086, 2088, 2091, 2093, 2097, and others, Tennessee State Archives.